THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The excess of earnings over the proportionate budgetary provision during the first nine months of 2004-04 is Rs. 1088.56 crore.

(b) The Ordinary Working Expenses during the above period are Rs. 25110.96 crore.

(c) The Ordinary Working Expenses during 2002-03 and 2003-04 were Rs. 29684.34 and Rs. 30636.57 crore respectively.

(d) and (e) The estimated excess (after dividend payment to General Revenue) during the current financial year is likely to Rs. 1724.80 crore as per the Revised Estimates as against the Budget Estimate of Rs. 873 crore.

Rail Roko agitation in Orissa

599. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a Rail Roke agitation at Talcher Railway Station in Orissa in the recent past against continuous neglect of the station and other issues;

(b) if so, the details of their demands; and

(c) the steps undertaken, so far to meet their demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) There has been no Rail Roko agitation at Talcher against neglect of the station during the last one year.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Support of Railway Police to KRC

600. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Konkan Railway Corporation does not have the support of Government Railway Police to provide protection to its property, rolling stock and passengers;

(b) whether to overcome this handicap, KRC has trained its staff in martial art forms including travelling ticket examiners and coach attendants; and

(c) whether the Railways would emulate the initiative taken by KRC to train its staff in other zonal railway sectors also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) There is no Government Railway Police on Konkan Railway as a matter of policy. Konkan Railway Corporation Limited receives help and assistance from concerned State Government Police. Railway Police Force is looking after and providing protection to Railway Property and rolling Stock and when any incident takes place, the local police render necessary help to the passengers and thus take legal cognizance of the case.

(b) Konkan Railway has trained its employees in Go-Ju-Ryu-Karate-Do for self-defence, thus helping the passengers. So far 940 Konkan Railway employees including travelling ticket examiners and coach attendants have been trained in Karate.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration of the Ministry.

Ticketless travellers

601. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of high level special checks conducted by Railway teams headed by magistrates or officers with magisterial powers to nab and apprehend ticketless travellers throughout the country during 2004, zone-wise; and

(b) the number of ticketless passengers nabbed, the total fares, fines and penalties recovered as a result thereof, zone-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) The Zone-wise details regarding the number of checks conducted by magistrates, number of cases of ticketless travellers apprehended and-amount recovered during 2004;